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- 1. EMBASSY NOTES FROM REFTEL THAT DEPT INTENDS TO APPROACH FRENCH AND CANADIANS.
- 2. WITH RESPECT TO APPROACH TO CANADIANS, AND PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO ITS TIMING, DEPT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER FOLLOWING:

A. MIN AND SCICOUNS HAD OPPORTUNITY JUNE 10 TO DISCUSS CANADIAN ATTITUDES VIS-A-VIS CANDU SALE TO KOREA WITH PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION PARTY NUCLEAR CRITIC GILLIES. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION, APPARENT VEHEMENCE GILLIES' OBJECTION TO SALE WAS SURPRISING IF UNDERSTANDABLE. ITS BASIS WAS MILITARISTIC AUTHORITARIAN NATURE ROKG.

B. GILLIES' INDICATED THAT PC'S MAY USE MAJOR PORTION OF THEIR "OPPOSITION DAY" TO FURTHER CRITICIZE GOVERNMENT. IF PC'S ELECT TO DEBATE NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION IT WILL PROBABLY BE ON JUNE 18 OR 19.

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C. IN VIEW OF PM'S APPARENT INTENTION TO DEFEND SALE AND POSSIBLE VEHEMENCE PC ATTACK, IT IS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT PRECISELY WHAT GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN MIGHT SAY IN RESPONSE IN FREEWHEELING DEBATE.

3. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, DEPT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER MAKING APPROACH TO CANADIANS ASAP IN ORDER THAT GOC MAY, IF POSSIBLE, BE FULLY AWARE OF DEVELOPMENTS BEFORE HAVING TO DEFEND ITS POSITION IN PUBLIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM. PORTER

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